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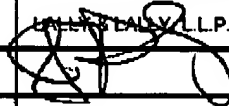
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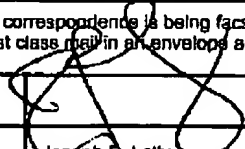
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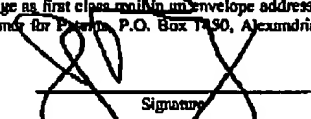
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Dear Sir:

This paper is submitted in response to the final office action dated December 16, 2004 (the "Office Action") in the above referenced patent application after careful consideration to propose amendments and to address the issues raised therein and to highlight why entering the amendments would place the case in condition for allowance.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 5 of this paper.